AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 21, lines 25-26, (paragraph [0116] of the published specification) with the following paragraph

--FIG. 1: Sequence Comparison: Sequence comparison of the NiG from different species, <u>human, monkey, rat and mouse (SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:47 and SEQ ID NO:48, respectively)</u>, showing the immunogenic peptide sequence for the 1107 mAb. --

Please replace the sequence listing with the attached Sequence Listing.

The substitute Sequence Listing now contains the following amendments:

The four sequences displayed in Figure 1 have been newly added to the sequence listing, and are newly designated SEQ ID NO:s 45-48.